Jamia Millia Islamia's agreement with a Moroccan Organisation

1105. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia has signed an agreement with Morocco based Islamia Education Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(c) whether such agreement has been signed by the Jamia Millia Islamia with some other foreign organizations also; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Jamia Millia Islamia has signed MoUs with the following foreign universities;

(i) University of Putra, Malaysia

(ii) Institute of Islamic Understanding, Malaysia, and

(iii) University of Applied Sciences, Erfurt, Germany.

The MoUs envisage activities like Faculty/staff development and exchange, student exchange, joint seminars, research, conferences, etc. and exchange of academic data, publications, information, etc. between the partner institutions.

Indira Mahila Yojana in Andhra Pradesh

1106. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have reviewed its progress in that State;

(c) if so, whether any shortcoming were noticed therein;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what corrective measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per information provided by the State, Indira Mahila Yojana was implemented in 14 Blocks and 9869 women's self-help groups had been formed. In March 2001, the erstwhile Indira Mahila Yojana has been recast and renamed 'Swayamsidha', which is to be implemented in 38 Blocks, including 13 erstwhile IMY Blocks. The State Action Plan for Swayamsidha has been approved; 2 Block Projects have been approved by the National-level Project Sanctioning Committee; and power to approve residual 36 Block Projects has been delegated to the State-level Steering and Review Committee.

(b) Under erstwhile Indira Mahila Yojana, periodic progress reports were tabulated and monitored. However, a countrywide rapid evaluation by Department of Women & Child Development and Planning Commission in 1997-98 was limited to 8 States, which did not include Andhra Pradesh.

Currently, monitoring of approval of State Action Plans and Block Projects under Swayamsidha is being undertaken.

(c) to (e) Residual 36 Block Projects have not been approved under Swayamsidha by the State-level Steering and Review Committee.

The State has been directed to expedite the same in a time-bound manner.

Basic education for children in Rajasthan

1107. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 9.48 lakh children in rural areas and 1.17 lakh in urban areas in Rajasthan, who are still deprived of basic education;

(b) whether the children who do not have access to schools in Rajasthan, are in the age group of 6 to 14 years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and